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The present application is a CIP of (i) application Serial
No. 08/672,378 and (ii) application Serial No. 08/967,136.

Submitted herewith are the following:

(1) A copy of each of a Communication of a Notice of
Opposition dated May 14, 2002 and a Notice of Opposition to a
European Patent filed by Alcan International Limited in the
European application (EP 0841406) corresponding to applicants'
U.S. parent application Serial No. 08/967,136;

(2) Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B. It is requested that
an initialed copy of each of said Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B
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(3) Copies of the publications cited in said Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B. Each of the cited publications is considered relevant or material to the patentability of the present invention in view of the citation thereof in said Notice of Opposition.

Said Notice of Opposition is in English, thereby satisfying the requirements for a concise explanation of relevance.

A copy of each of EP 719606 and EP 392998 are not provided, since copies of EP 719606 and EP 392998 were provided in applicants' INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT filed January 24, 2000.

It is respectfully requested that the attached publications be considered and made of record.

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